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Karnataka Assembly By-Polls 2019

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TOTAL STRENGTH OF ASSEMBLY : 224

BJP	Cong.	JD(S)	Others
117	68	34	3

NOTE: By-elections for Rajarajeshwarinagar and Maski not announced by Election Commission (EC) as cases are pending in High Court.

Saffron Party leads in 12 seats, Cong. 2, Ind. 1 and JD(S) none

Bengaluru, Dec.9 (UNI&Agencies)- Karnataka's ruling BJP is heading for a sweep in by-polls the party needed to win to retain power in the State. The party is leading in 12 of 15 seats, in a big boost for Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's four-month-old Government, formed after defections from the previous Congress-JD(S) coalition.

If the trends convert into victory, the BJP's number will go up from 105 to 117, which is well ahead of the halfway mark of 111 in a 222-member Assembly.

Locally, in Hunsur, H.P. Manjunath of Congress is set for a win against Adagooru H. Vishwanath of BJP. In K.R. Pet, K.C. Narayanagowda of BJP is set to make history by opening the BJP's account in a traditional JD(S) stronghold. He is set to defeat B.L. Devaraj of JD(S).

Conceding defeat, the Congress said voters had "accepted defectors."

By-polls were held last Thursday (Dec.5) for 15 of 17 Assembly seats left vacant by MLAs who resigned in July, causing the collapse of the Congress-JD(S) coalition. The BJP had to win at least seven seats for a majority in the Assembly, which will have 222 members after the by-polls.

Elections were held for Hunsur, K.R. Pet, Mahalakshmi Layout, Shivajinagar, Yeshwantpur, Hirekerur, Ranebennur, Gokak, Athani, Kagawad, Vijayanagar-Hospet, Hosakote, Yellapur, K.R. Puram and Chikkaballapur. Two seats (Rajarajeshwarinagar and Maski) are still vacant as the EC has not yet announced the by-polls schedule due to cases pending in the Karnataka High Court.

(See BJP on page 8)

Making History

BJP opens account in K.R. Pet, a JD(S) bastion

K.R. Pet, Dec. 9- K.R. Pet BJP candidate K.C. Narayanagowda created history when he became the first-ever BJP MLA from Mandya district to win the by-elections held in a constituency considered a traditional JD(S) bastion.

Narayanagowda

Counting of votes was taken up at the Government Polytechnic College on Channarayapatna Road at 8 am today. K.C. Narayanagowda defeated his nearest rival B.L. Devaraj of the JD(S) by a margin of nearly 10,000 votes, while Congress candidate K.B. Chandrashekar, a former MLA, came a distant third.

There were seven candidates in the fray, and barring the BJP, Congress and JD(S) candidates, all the four other contestants forfeited their deposit.

(See K.R. PET on page 8)

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Authorities and *Aam Aadmi*

Only 19 countries in the world are full democracies at present, according to a report sourced to the Intelligence Unit of *The Economist*, an English-language weekly magazine-format newspaper, founded by James Wilson (1805-1860) in 1843. Democracy Index, brought out annually by its editorial group with office in London looks at Governments around the world and tracks elections, politics, culture and civil rights. This year's report concluded that nearly a third of the global population live under authoritarian rule, with Norway ranked as the most democratic nation and Western Europe accounts for 14 of the 19 full democracies. India doesn't figure in the list of top ten democracies, according to the Index, noting that overall, across the world, the sad reality is that democratic norms are slipping, adding that the things that are being affected include declining trust in institutions, erosion of civil liberties and curbs on freedom of speech. This view matches the ongoing exchanges between India's veteran corporate and the top brass in the Central Government, with the former reportedly making the statement that India Inc is *afraid* to criticise the Government kicking up a storm, several senior Ministers accusing the corporate of weaving fake narratives and hurling invectives.

The State in many countries, including India, plays a prominent role in curtailing freedom of the media and of expression. Governments in democratic as well as authoritarian countries are promulgating defamation and sedition laws, prevention of terrorism laws, blasphemy and hate-speech laws to curb freedom of expression and stymie media freedom. Many analysts have hinted that such features apply to India in considerable measure.

Claims of many achievements through various pro-people programmes by both top brass in the Government and its spokespersons through public statements in all media forms and the Opposition dubbing the claims as false has left the *aam aadmi* disenchanted with the administration. Taking the view of a noted political pundit, the critical element that all laws apply *equally* to all citizens is a tad suspect in India's present dispensation. Further, *uprightness* on the part of officials at all levels and *ethics* on the part of players of all hues in the trade and commerce field are bad words. Goons, with veiled backing by political parties, are having field day in taking law into their hands in all regions across the country, including Karnataka. The terms *haftha, hawala, supari* and so on dominate their dialogues with those who hire them. The monetary value of *supari* depends on the importance of the person to be killed, in return for the *haftha*.

In the backdrop of the politicos-goons nexus, India's *aam aadmi* feeling beleaguered is an open secret. Nothing moves in the offices of the administration at all levels without bribing the functionaries. Of course, if there were no *givers*, there would be no *beneficiaries* of bribe money. You take the pick to blame one kind or the other.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Call it a tell-tail sign. Last week, a woman in a high-end SoBo high-rise was 'imprisoned till the rising of the court' because her dog bit a fellow resident while all three waited for the lift. Saying that the dog's size, ownership or status of statutory vaccinations were irrelevant, the magistrate bluntly said that, since she was in possession of the offending animal at the time of the event, she alone had to bear the punishment. So, in a way, both women ended up being bitten, one with a jaw, the other by the law. All of us obliged to live in multi-storied proximity will be familiar with this kerfuffle over a dog. As well as with the bitching that was part of it. The court also dismissed the argument that several tenants had lodged varied complaints against the victim, and her filing this case was her way of, erm, biting back. 'Co-operative housing' is usually a contradiction in terms. Only an (oxy)moron thinks that civilised, neighbourly behaviour is in direct proportion to the price per square foot. Inverse, more likely. In real life, it's not as easy to share likes.

— Bachi Karkaria in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

A perfect family 'pawtrait' of 17 cats and dogs

Wales: Getting one dog or cat to sit and look at the camera for a photograph is bad enough, but imagine doing it with 17. That's exactly what Kathy Smith, 30, did she managed to get all her pets sitting perfectly still for a family 'pawtrait'. It took seven days to get all eight dogs and nine cats lined up on and around the sofa, staring down the lens. Kathy said she took a series of warm-up photos of her pets before embarking on the impossible challenge of lining up dogs Ruby, Ben, Max, Sheba, Teddy, Rio, Storm, and Mishka with the not-so-disciplined cats.

Kathy, from Corwen, Wales, said: 'I was so thrilled when I realised I'd captured this shot – it's like a little family photo. "It took about three attempts but in the end I managed to keep them there for a couple of seconds and get the photo before they were off again," she said.

Electric eel powers aquarium's Xmas lights

Tennessee: An electric eel named Miguel Wattson is shocking visitors at the Tennessee Aquarium by using its blips of electricity to power Christmas lights. A system connected to his tank allowed the eel's shocks to power strands of lights on a nearby tree, resulting in rapid succession of blinking lights, according to a news release.

The eel releases the low blips of electricity when it's trying to find food, aquarist Kimberly Hurt said. "The bigger flashes are caused by the higher voltage shocks he emits when he's eating or excited," she said.

A video posted to the account showed Miguel in its tank and the nearby Christmas lights rapidly sputtering on and off. Officials at the Chattanooga aquarium said they hoped Miguel will spark an appreciation for the fish.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What drink has the most caffeine at starbucks?

A grande of plain coffee at starbucks has 330 mg of caffeine. The iced caffe mocha and the iced peppermint mocha have the most caffeine among the iced espresso drinks. A tall contains 95 mg, a grande: 175 mg of caffeine. Some sources recommend a limit of 400 mg of caffeine per day for a healthy adult.

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Dy.CM to inaugurate Banumaiah Institutions Centenary on Dec. 11

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (MTY&SD)-Marking its Centenary Celebrations, Dharmaprakasha D. Banumaiah Educational Institutions, Mysuru, has organised an event at Banumaiah School premises on Dec. 11 at 10 am.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakartara Bhavana recently, President of the Institution Dr. V.B. Jayadev said that with an aim to provide education to poor and downtrodden children and to achieve educational prosperity, Dharmaprakasha Banumaiah founded the Anglo-vernacular School in 1908 in Mysuru. Later, D. Banumaiah's Educational Institution was founded as a Trust on Oct. 2, 1919.

Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan will inaugurate the centenary celebrations on Dec. 11 at 10 am and release the souvenir. Kunchitiga Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer of Hosadurga Sri Shanthaveera Swamiji and Kunchitiga Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer of Tumakuru Sri Hanumantha Swamiji will grace the occasion. MLAs G.T. Devegowda, S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will participate. Dr. Jayadev will preside.

Former CM Siddharamaiah will deliver the valedictory address at 5.30 pm. MLA Dr. Yatindra Siddharamaiah, MLC Marithibbegowda, former MLA Vasu, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed and others will be present.

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- *Your skin is the largest organ making up the human body.*
- *Your tongue is the fastest healing part of your body.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 71.14
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 93.68
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.37
1 Euro	= Rs. 78.70

VOICE OF THE READER

Unexpected cancellations of flights from Mysuru

Sir,

We stay in Mysuru and wanted to experience the joy of flying from Mysore Airport in Mandakalli. We happily booked air tickets from Air India for our trip to Kochi on 8.11.2019 for our travel on 8.12.2019 — Flight AI9893, Booking ref YM76T.

But the happiness lasted for 4 days since I received a mail stating that the flights are cancelled due to technical reasons !

Firstly, cancellation outright without the mention of the amount paid during booking and secondly without making any alternative arrangements by Air India, left us in high and blue. Later I contacted the helpline only to be told that wait for the payment refund.

How can we rely on the Air India flight when a lot of credit is taken for having started the UDAN from Mysuru by the so-called Ministers and AAI.

Such inconvenience put us in a dilemma whether to avail the services of Air India or not!

—P. Anand Kumar
Mysuru
30.11.2019

NOTE: *The Mysuru-Kochi flight service offered by Alliance Air, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Air India, has been suspended from November 20, 2019 till March 2020 due to runway re-carpeting work at the Cochin International Airport.* **—Ed**

Karunada Rathna Awardees

The Awardees Dr. N.N. Prahallada** (left) **and Vayu Singh.

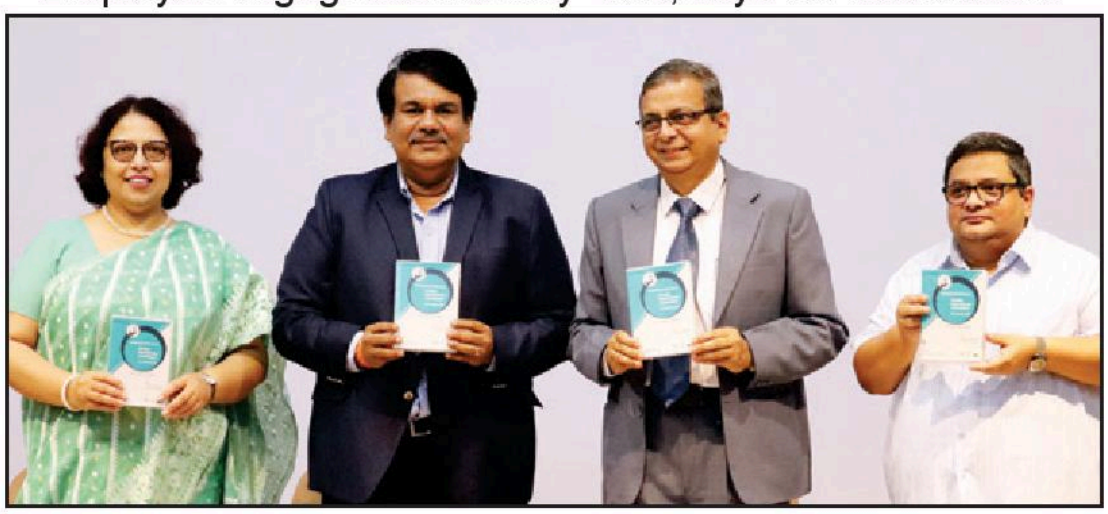
Mysuru, Dec.9- Karnataka Kala Samskrithaka Prathisthana, Mysuru, as part of Kannada Rajyostava, conferred "Karunada Rathna Award" on Dr. N.N. Prahallada, Former Faculty, Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru, for his services in the field of education for the last 45 years at a function organised at Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan, on Dec. 7.

The award function was attended by Prof. Morabada Mallikarjunaswamy, former Joint Director, Collegiate Education, Gayathri, Taluk Organiser, Sri Keshtra Dharmasthala Village Development, K.R. Nagar, V.Murali, Dharmadhikari, Dhyana Dhama International Spiritual Home, Mysuru, Dr. H.V. Puttaswamy, Chief Editor, *Sumangali* Kannada Newspaper and K.T. Mohan Kumar, President, Karnataka Kala Samskrithika Prathisthana.

The Prathisthana also gave away "Karunada Rathna Award" to Vayu Singh for his achievements in drawing, flute, singing and chess. He is studying in 8th student at Rainbow Public School in Bogadi.

Intl. Conference on 'Managing Human Resources at Workplace' held

Employee engagement is only 43%, says Dr. Muthukumar



International HR Conference Chair Dr. Mousumi Sengputa, guest of honour Dr. Muthukumar, Director of SDM-IMD Dr. N.R. Parasuraman and Conference Co-Chair Dr. Nilanjan Sengupta releasing the Conference Proceedings in the form of CD.

Mysuru, Dec.9- "Recent research shows that only 43 percent office workers are actively engaged in India," said Dr. N. Muthukumar, President and Whole Time Director, Automotive Axles Ltd.

He was delivering his address as the guest of honour during the inauguration of the 8th International Conference on 'Managing Human Resources at the Workplace' organised by Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD) Mysuru, on Dec. 6 and 7.

He said that customer delight, product innovation and employee empowerment were the most crucial areas of concern for the companies at present time, and that organisations need to move from culture of control towards employee empowerment.

Speaking on the current scenario of people management, he indicated several factors, such as employee engagement, clarity on job expectations, career advancement opportunities, quality of working relationships, as of immense significance for managing employees.

Earlier, while welcoming the gathering, Dr. N.R. Parasuraman, Director, SDM-IMD, emphasised on the role of HRM, as the strategic business partner and stressed on the need for an organisation-specific HRM policy framework, at place.

Dr. Mousumi Sengupta, Conference Chair, presented the theme of the conference and highlighted the need for managing human relations and intelligence, in the context of emergence of Industry 4.0.

Dr. Susanne Wilpers, Director International Programmes, Faculty of Business and Transport Management, Heilbronn University, Germany, in her virtual keynote address, indicated that using mobile technology, social network and predictive analytics have been the recent trends in HRM practices in Germany.

Dr. Nilanjan Sengupta, Conference Co-Chair, proposed a vote of thanks and summed up the necessity of contemporary research in the areas of HRM.

The two-day conference had participation of about 200 delegates from across the country. Over 120 selected highly researched papers were presented.

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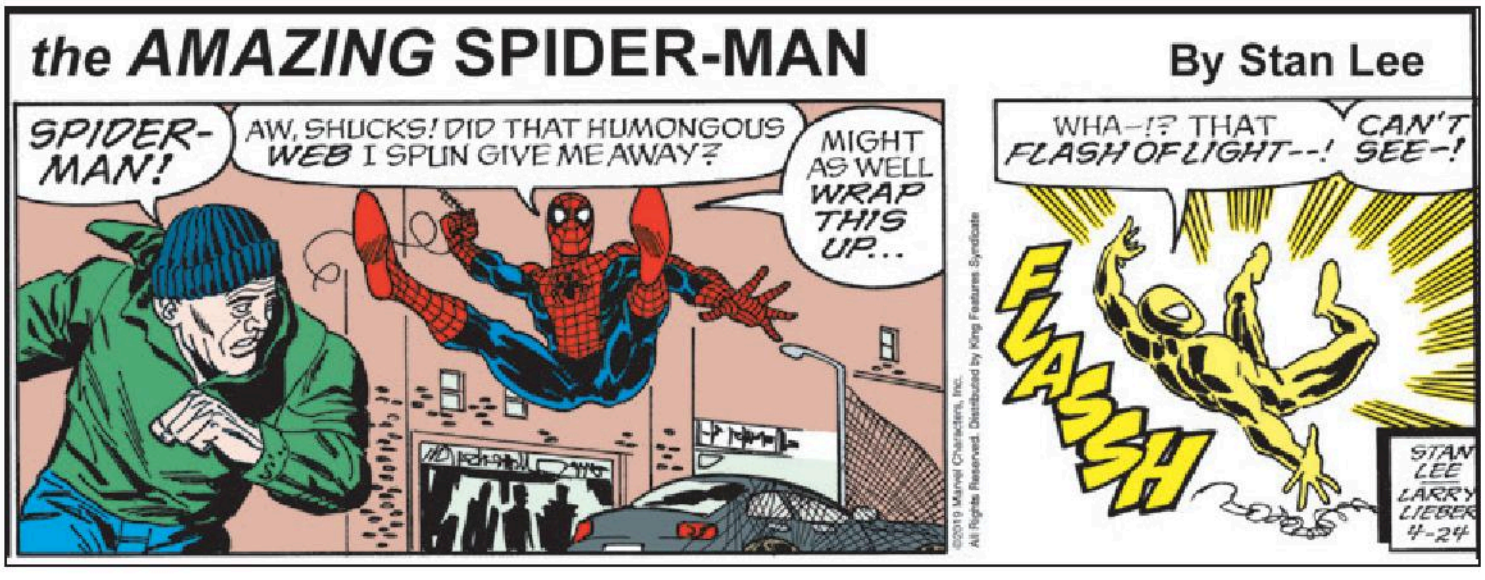
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NEWS BRIEFS

Kannada exams

The Kannada Sahitya Parishat will be conducting Kannada exams (Kaava, Jaana and Ratna) from Dec.27 to 29 at 19 centres across the State. The hall tickets have been sent by post. However, candidates, who do not receive their hall ticket before Dec.18, can enquire at the Parishat Office in Chamrajpet, Bengaluru. For any information, contact Ph: 080-26623584. Information on hall ticket and address of the centre can be verified by logging on to: www.kasapa.in

Hanuma Vardhanti

As part of Hanuma Vardhanti, the office of the Manager of Muzarai Temples in the Palace premises, will be organising cultural programmes in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate starting from today (Dec.9). Karnataka Police Band will give a 2-hour performance from 6 pm today, following which singers Sagar and Ramyashri will render devotional songs.

State-level vendor development prog.

Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) and Hebbal Industrial Estate Manufacturers Association (HIEMA) have jointly organised a State-level Vendor Development Programme in association with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - Development Institute (MSME-DI), Bengaluru, at HIEMA Convention Centre, Hebbal Industrial Estate, Mysuru, on Dec.10 at 10.30 am. DIC Joint Director D.K. Lingaraju will inaugurate. MSME-DI Director G.R. Akadas will preside. MCCI President A.S. Satish and HIEMA President H.N. Jayanth will be the guests of honour. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4262882, according to HIEMA Hon. Secretary C.M. Subramanian.

Street vendors election on Dec.21

The voting for electing ten members to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC)'s Town Vending Committee will be held from 9 am to 4 pm on Dec.21 at Town Hall in city.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	123.10 ft
Yesterday	123.20 ft
Inflow	3,387 cusecs
Outflow	4,764 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,278.41 ft
Inflow	738 cusecs
Outflow	1,700 cusecs

Man with fake number plate on his bullet arrested

- His plan was to avoid traffic cases while genuine number plate owner got 39 challans
- The accused cleverly changed KA-09 HJ-3597 to KA-09 HJ-0597

Mysuru, Dec.9 (KS)- A man, who had affixed fake registration number plates on his bullet bike for over a year to avoid being penalised for traffic violation cases, has been caught by the Police. The arrested is Ravi, a resident of K.G. Koppal in city.

Ravi has been riding his bike with fake registration number plate (KA-09 HJ-0597) since December 2018 and the person to whom the registration number (KA-09 HJ-0597) was originally allotted, had received 39 notices (challans) for various traffic violations which he had not committed.

D. Chandru of Kuvempunagar was shocked to receive the notices and he went to the Traffic Management Division at City Police Commissioner's Office and when the Cops checked the footages, they saw a man riding a bullet with the registration number plate that mentioned the number as KA-09 HJ-0597. But Chandru's vehicle was a Honda Dio scooter to which the RTO had allotted the registration number. Chandru then filed a complaint at Jayalakshmipuram Police Station. Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) then alerted all Traffic Police Stations in city instructing Cops to trace the bullet bike. Within two hours of being informed, NR Traffic Police personnel traced the bullet bike on Irwin Road and on checking the Registration Certificate (RC) card of the bike, the Cops came to know that the original registration number of the bullet bike was KA-09 HJ-3597 and Ravi had fixed fake number plates, following which the Cops took him to custody and seized the vehicle.

Accused Ravi

The NR Traffic Police later handed over the man and the bike to Jayalakshmipuram Police for further questioning. When interrogated, the bike rider is said to have told the Police that he had fixed fake number plates to avoid traffic violation cases. DCP (Crime and Traffic) B.T. Kavitha and Traffic ACP Sandesh Kumar supervised NR Traffic Inspector Diwakar and staff Kaleem Pasha and Nagesh in the operation.

Youth nabbed for stealing electric cables

Ten cable bundles worth Rs.60,000 recovered

Mysuru, Dec.9 (KS)- Alanahalli Police have arrested a 23-year-old youth on charges of stealing electric cables from an under-construction house at Yeraganahalli and have recovered 10 bundles of cables worth Rs.60,000 besides seizing an autorickshaw used for the crime.

The accused is Sagar of Raghavendra Layout in city.

Sargar was taken into custody by the Cops at Shakthinagar junction. During interrogation, he is said to have confessed of stealing the cable bundles kept in front of an under-construction house at Yeraganahalli when he had gone to that locality to drop a passenger. Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered 10 cable bundles and have seized the autorickshaw.

DCP B.T. Kavitha and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP M.N. Shashidhar supervised Alanahalli Inspector Hariyappa, ASI Sridhar and staff Chowdappa, Shivaprasad, Manik and Ravi in the nabbing, recovery and seizing operation, according to a press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Youth collapses and dies on Railway Station platform

Mysuru, Dec.9 (KS)-A 23-year-old youth from city collapsed and died on the City Railway Station platform yesterday morning.

Rahul

The deceased is Rahul, a resident of HUDCO 3rd Stage in Bannimantap here.

Rahul had been to his relative's house at Nanjangud taluk in Mysuru and returned to Mysuru in a train.

After alighting from the train, Rahul collapsed on the platform and breathed his last.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening, according to family sources.

Miscreants assault man, make away with Rs.2,400 cash, silver chain

Mysuru, Dec.9 (MTY&KS)- Miscreants, who assaulted a man near City Rail Station here on Dec.4 at about 3.30 pm, have made away with Rs.2,400 cash and a 25 grams silver chain.

The victim is Manjunath, a resident of Holenarasipur.

Manjunath was proceeding towards City Railway Station on foot when two youths introduced themselves and told Manjunath that they were going to Holenarasipur and put their step along with him.

Meanwhile, Manjunath went near the Railway Bridge to attend nature's call and the youths followed him.

While one caught hold of Manjunath's neck tightly and covered his (Manjunath) mouth, another youth brandished a knife and threatened Manjunath of killing him if he shouts or screams.

They then searched his pockets and took away Rs.2,400 cash and the 25 grams silver chain he was wearing and fled from the spot.

A case has been registered at Devaraja Police Station in this regard.

Woman, sons go missing

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (KS)-A 28-year-old woman, who had a fight with her husband over cleanliness in the house and food on Dec.1, left her house along with her two sons on Dec.4 at about 6.30 pm and has since gone missing.

The missing woman and her sons are Savitha, seven-year-old Srujan and five-year-old Yash.

While Savitha is 5 ft. tall, oval faced, oily red complexioned, has a white mole on her left leg, speaks Kannada and was wearing a chudidhar, Srujan is 3 ft. tall, oval faced, oily red complexioned, has a white patch on his face and speaks Kannada.

Savitha *Srujan* *Yash*

Yash is 3 ft. tall, round faced, wheatish complexioned and speaks Kannada.

Those having any information about the missing woman and her sons, may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Station House Officer, Hebbal Police Station, Mysuru.

Toll collection begins on Tamil Nadu, Kerala Highways

• National Highways Authority of India implements toll collection at Nanjangud, Yedathore Toll Plazas

• Farmers, local residents oppose move as there is no service road to travel from one place to another

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (SBD&BCT)- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has enforced toll collection on Nanjangud Toll Plaza near Kadakola via National Highway-212 (now renamed as NH-766).

The Mysuru-Nanjangud Road touches Ooty, Mysuru-T. Narasipur Road touches Kollegal and Tamil Nadu and Gundlupet-Moolehole Road touches Kerala. All these roads are part of NH-766 (earlier NH-212) that will become a tolled road. The toll is being collected since yesterday.

The toll system has been enforced at the Toll Plaza at Kadakola (K.N. Hundi, Nanjangud) and at Yedathore on the T. Narasipur Road. Banners mentioning the toll rates have been placed near the Toll Plazas. However, this move has been opposed by local residents, farmers and other organisations as the road is their only lifeline to move their agricultural and horticultural produce.

For cars, vans and jeeps, one-way trip will cost Rs. 45 and if the vehicles return on the same day, it will cost Rs. 70. Monthly pass (50 single journeys) will cost Rs. 1,550. Light commercial vehicles, light goods vehicles and mini buses will have to pay Rs. 75 for a single trip and Rs. 115 for return journey. Monthly pass will cost Rs. 2,500. Trucks and buses will have to pay Rs. 155 for a single trip and Rs. 115 for return journey. Monthly pass will cost Rs. 5,240.

Heavy construction machinery, earth movers and other heavy-duty equipment vehicles will have to pay Rs. 170 to Rs. 245 per single trip, Rs. 255 to Rs. 370 for return journey. Monthly pass will cost Rs. 5,175 to Rs. 8220. Heavy trucks (more than 7 axles) will have to pay Rs. 300 for one-way trip and Rs. 450 for return journey. Monthly pass has been fixed for these vehicles at Rs. 10,005.

Those commercial vehicles (yellow registration boards) that have been registered in the districts where the Toll Plaza is located (Mysuru for example as Nanjangud and T. Narasipur comes under Mysuru district) have been given a rebate of 45 to 50 percent in the toll fee.

For non-commercial vehicles (white registration boards) that have been registered in the districts where the Toll Plaza is located, monthly pass of Rs. 265 has been fixed. There will be no concession for two-wheelers, autos, tractors and other vehicles that carry agricultural and horticultural produce.

Even toll is collected from Government buses (also city buses that ply between Mysuru and Nanjangud) and other Government vehicles as there is no exemption. Discussion is being held at the higher echelons of KSRTC to negotiate a deal for regularly plying buses, sources said.

The NHAI has built the Highway with Private-Public-Partnership (PPP) model and had even constructed toll booths at various places. So far no toll was being levied from travellers and the toll booths were closed and were in an abandoned state.

The 129.8 km Highway begins at Kozhikode in Kerala, passes through Kollegal and covers T. Narasipur, Mysuru, Nanjangud, Gundlupet and reaches Sultan Bathery via Wayanad in Kerala. The NHAI has spent Rs. 429.45 crore for the project including the land acquisition cost of Rs. 170 crore.

The Highway was constructed over three-and-a-half years back. The Nanjangud stretch is four-lane with a total width of 17 metres (8.5 metres on each side) and at places, the Highway has two lanes with a total width of 10 metres.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued a gazette notification to introduce toll on these roads on Nov. 20. The notification authorises the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to collect toll either through its officials or through contractors.

According to the gazette notification, three toll plazas will come up on this stretch bordering Kerala and Mysuru. It includes Maddur near Gundlupet, near Kadakola between Mysuru and Nanjangud and near Yedathore close to T. Narasipur.

Deadline on FASTag sticker extended till Dec. 15

FASTag deadline has been extended upto Dec. 15 by the Transport Ministry. The deadline was initially set for Dec. 1 but the Government has now extended it till Dec. 15. FASTag is meant to support Government's plan for 100 percent electronic toll collection across National Highways in the country. The extension will serve as a breather for vehicle owners yet to get FASTag, a sticker that needs to be put at the front windshield of the vehicle.

The FASTag then becomes the radio frequency identity of one's vehicle and it is automatically read by the sensors placed at Toll Plazas. The Highways Ministry had first written to the NHAI about conversion of all toll lanes to FASTag lanes at National Highways in July this year. The move is meant to make travel through Toll Plazas seamless and will help remove congestion as well.

NOTE: ***For details about FASTags, refer*** *Star of Mysore* ***dated Nov. 20 news item titled "Electronic Toll Collection on Highways from Dec. 1."***

Farmers protest

As soon as the NHAI began collecting toll yesterday, several farmer leaders, local residents and pro-Kannada activists assembled near the Toll Plaza and staged a protest. "The stretch is the only link that connects Mysuru to Nanjangud, Mysuru to T. Narasipur and Gundlupet to Moolehole. The road is taken by farmers who take their produce to Kerala and Mysuru. There is no service road on the Highway that facilitates the movement of farmers and local residents," they said.

Following the protests, toll collection was suspended for over one-and-a-half hours and the Police had to intervene. Even Nanjangud MLA B, Harshavardhan has expressed his displeasure over NHAI authorities implementing the toll in the absence of service roads.

Leadership Lessons FOR DAILY LIVING

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Driven by a Higher Purpose

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa used to narrate a parable to explain how strong our yearning for God needs to be. He spoke of a disciple who used to repeatedly ask his teacher, "Sir, please tell me how I can see God." After a few days of being repeatedly pestered by the disciple, the Guru told him, "Come with me,and I shall show you." He took, the disciple to a Lake, and both of them got into the water. Suddenly the teacher pressed the disciple's head under the water. After a few moments he released him and the disciple raised his head and stood up. The Guru asked him, "How did you feel?" The disciple said, "Oh! I thought I would die; I was panting for breath and all that I could think of was to find air to breathe and live". The teacher said, "When you feel like that for God, then you will know him/her."

Going beyond the moral of the story, this is an indication of how strong one needs to feel for doing something in life. When the hunger for doing something is as strong as our will to live and is filled with such a deep sense of purpose, then one can confidently state that our journey of leadership has begun. Purpose gives our life meaning and it helps shape our choices and our leadership expression. 'Purpose' is not merely about seeking something exclusively for oneself, but it has to go beyond one's personal needs and should reflect a larger societal good. It is about living our lives for others and going beyond the narrow constructs of our own small selves. Exercising leadership is a way of giving meaning to our life by contributing to the lives of theirs. And such opportunity to express leadership crosses our path every day. What is required is the sensitivity to recognise 'purpose' when it emerges and the courage to act on it as a labour of love.

Keshav (name changed for reasons of privacy), a young man from a lower middle-class family in Delhi, is a good example of showing this sensitivity and courage in seeking purpose from one such incident. His family situation necessitated that he contributed to the family kitty even when he was still in College. After attending to his classes, he would take tuitions for High School children for a fee and the small amount that he earned was critical to ensure that his family could balance the budget and meet some of his personal needs. He had been doing this for a few months and had set his eyes on a jacket that he wanted to buy for himself to stay warm in the approaching winter. With the money that he had put aside over the last few months and the little extra that his father gave him, he finally bought the jacket. With his new purchase safely under his arm, he boarded an auto to go back home. After a few minutes he noticed the auto driver shivering in the evening chill and in a moment of compassionate spontaneity, he presented the jacket to him.

Recollecting this incident several years later, he told me that there was no real second thoughts in his mind. All that mattered to him was that the auto driver could now stay warm and would put the jacket to full and better use. Keshav neither had thoughts about the explanations that he needed to give his parents nor the concern about his staying warm the rest of the winter. He felt a deep sense of purpose in ensuring that the 'other' was taken care off. And that is all that mattered to him. The deep sense of joy that he found in giving of himself, left him wanting more of it. This incident was the beginning of the way that Keshav decided his life would be from now onwards.

Today, he has a job in a local company and spends every weekend in working with children from difficult circumstances. He is driven by the intent of ensuring that these children can look forward to a better future. He proudly mentions how his family has come to terms with spending a substantial part of his income on providing a good educational foundation to these children who would have otherwise wasted away their lives. And in finding his true north, Keshav has found life itself.

Leadership is indeed a passionate and time-consuming activity. Without the right kind of inspirational purpose, one may find it difficult to surmount obstacles and stay focused. A sense of purpose gives a person the capacity to find the values that make risk-taking meaningful. Purpose not only gives orientation but also provides one with the stimulus and the energy to act on it. And in living the purpose that we identify lies the expression of authentic leadership itself.

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Bags Raman Experiential Science Teacher Award

M.B. Mahesh receiving the award from Dominique Radhakrishnan.

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (BCT)- M.B. Mahesh, a resident of Vidyaranyapuram in city, has been awarded the Raman Experiential Science Teacher (REST) Award, an All India hands-on Science contest. This Award was for his submission titled "Mystery of Human Ear." The model Mahesh designed and submitted for the Award was made with easily available materials at the cost of less than Rs. 50.

The Award was presented to him in Bengaluru at Panchavati (Sir C.V. Raman's old home in Malleswaram) by Dominique Radhakrishnan, daughter-in-law of Sir C.V. Raman. Dominique is the wife of Prof. Venkatraman Radhakrishnan, a distinguished Astrophysicist credited with expanding the field of radio astronomy and for research in pulsars, interstellar clouds and various celestial bodies.

The Award was adjudged by a panel of eminent Scientists and teachers. Mahesh was declared as the overall winner across all categories (Physics, Chemistry and Biology). Over 2,000 people participated in the competition from across the country. The Award includes a cash prize of Rs. 25,000, certificate and a *Do It Yourself* Science kit.

Mahesh has more than 17 years of experience in the field of teaching, art, multimedia, prototype designing and production. He has worked for the design and production of effective and low-cost prototypes for more than 300 events in various subjects like Physics, Chemistry, Life Science, Mathematics, Environmental Science, Earth Science, Space Science, History and Economics.

He is presently working as Senior Designer Artefacts (Learning Events Team) at Excel-Soft Technologies in Mysuru.

86th birth anniversary of Puttanna Kanagal celebrated

Mysuru, Dec.9- The 86th birth anniversary of noted Kannada film Director late S.R. Puttanna Kanagal was celebrated under the aegis of Samarpana Educational and Charitable Endowment Trust here recently.

Dr. A.D. Srinivasan, Professor of Electrical and Electronics at Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), who inaugurated the programme by offering floral tributes, said that Puttanna Kanagal was a very brave and committed Director who had a clear vision on many social issues.

He further said that Puttanna was also a script writer and had directed more than 24 films starting from 'Bellimoda' (1967) upto 'Masanada Hoovu' (1985).

He recalled that Puttanna used to do many petty jobs like cleaner, salesman etc., during his early days in the film industry. He recalled that veteran Tamil and Telugu Film Director late K. Balachandar had treated him as his 'Guru'.

Retired Kannada Professor of JSS Educational Institutions M.S. Shivalingaswamy, who was the chief guest, said that Puttanna Kanagal was a genius Director and his films are evergreen.

Dr. A.D. Srinivasan, Professor of Electrical and Electronics at SJCE, who inaugurated the 86th birth anniversary of late Puttanna Kanagal in city recently, seen with** (from left) **Rajendraprasad Honnalagere, Treasurer of the Trust, M.S. Shivalingaswamy, Professor, JSS Educational Institution, Bhagyalakshmi, member and M.S. Balasubramanyam, Secretary, Samarpana Educational and Charitable Endowment Trust, Mysuru.

Rajendraprasad Honnalagere, Treasurer of the Trust, who presided over the function, regretted that young generation were being influenced by western culture and advised them to adopt the values and messages hidden in Puttanna films.

Trust's Hon. Secretary M.S. Balasubramanyam, member Bhagyalakshmi and others were present on the occasion.

After the stage programme, Dr. A.D. Srinivasan sang memorable songs of Puttanna films and enthralled the audience.

Doctors present Geeth Gaatha Chal-19

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (YDS&US)- City doctors proved their musical prowess yet again in their annual *Geeth Gaatha Chal...* last evening at Kalamandira auditorium rendering lilting melodies of Kannada and Hindi movies of yesteryears with dances accompanying a few songs.

The programme commenced with Dr.M.S. Natashekhar, rendering *Karunada thayi sada Chinmayi* from the movie *Naanu Nanna Hendthi.* Dr. Preethi Prabhu sang *Kuhu Kuhu* with Sparsha Shenoy dancing to the tune.

Continuing, Dr. A.L. Hemalatha rendered *Baanallu neene bhuviyallu neene* followed by *Neele Gagan* by Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, *Moodala maneya muthina neerina* by Dr. Snehashree Nirmal Kumar, *Waqt ne kiya* by Dr. Sushma Krishnamurthy and *Piya bina* by Dr. Amrutha Upadhya.

In the duet session, Dr. Natashekhar and Varsha rendered *Mera pyar bhi tho hai* followed by *Vaadha Karo* by Dr. Somnath Vasudev - Dr. Seethalaxmi Somanath couple, *Jaane man jaane man* by Dr. Kushalappa and Dr. Hemalatha and many more.

Doctors S.K. Ghori, G.D. Ravikumar and Kushalappa danced to the song *Hey apna dil* sung by Dr. U. Ganesh Rao.

Wearing a red cap, holding a flag and beating a cymbal Dr. Ghori entered the stage singing a patriotic song getting a thunderous applause from the audience. Dr. U.G. Shenoy, M. Prithvi Shankar - Ranjitha couple, Dr. R.L. Varsha, Sparsha Shenoy and Apoorva Natashekhar also enthralled the gathering.

Dr. M.S. Bhaskar melodiously rendered *Srirama Sankeerthane,* a composition of Tulasidas.

As the auditorium was jampacked, many who could not get seats enjoyed the show watching on the giant screen installed at the lobby. The 19th edition of the musical event was sponsored by Industrialist Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy and Kusuma Shenoy. On the occasion, Wellness expert Dr. B.R. Pai and Dr. M.S. Bhaskar were felicitated. The show was excellently compered by Syed Aftab Ahmed.

Geeth Gaatha Chal Founder-Patron Dr. C. Umesh Kamath and others were present.

Chief guests Dr. M.S. Bhaskar, Neuro Surgeon and Dr. B.R. Pai, Wellness Expert, being felicitated during *Geeth Gaatha Chal* ***event at Kalamandira last evening. They are seen with*** *(from left)* ***Kusuma Shenoy, Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Organising Chairperson, Dr. C. Umesh Kamath, Founder-Patron,*** *Geeth Gaatha Chal,* ***Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Event Sponsor and Dr. Roopa Prakash.***

LILTING MUSICAL EVENING: ***Doctor-singers*** *(from left)* ***Dr. M.S. Natashekhar, Dr. Preethi Prabhu, Dr. P.A. Kushalappa and Dr. A.L. Hemalatha enthralling the audience at Kalamandira.***

DOUBLE TREAT: ***Dr. Somnath Vasudev and Dr. Seethalaxmi.***

Dr. Ganesh Rao and Dr. Snehashree.

A section of audience at the auditorium.

A group photo of the chief guests and organisers with the *Geeth Gaatha Chal* ***Musical Ensemble.***

BJP Government safe

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The BJP currently has 105 MLAs and the support of one independent candidate (H. Nagesh), while the Congress has 66 and the JD(S) 34. With by-election results that will be officially out in the evening, the BJP is all set to have 117 seats, Congress 68, JD(S) 34 and others 3 — Sharath Bachchegowda, H. Nagesh and expelled BSP MLA N. Mahesh.

After a dramatic stand-off that included a showdown at a Mumbai hotel, the MLAs who quit were disqualified by the then Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar and barred from elections till 2023. The MLAs got approval from the Supreme Court that said that the MLAs can contest the by-elections.

D.K. Shivakumar reacts

"We have to agree with the mandate of the voters of these 15 Constituencies. People have accepted the defeators. We have accepted defeat. I don't think we have to be disheartened," Karnataka Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar said.

Counting of votes is in progress and the BJP is leading in 12 seats and Congress is leading in two seats and one Independent candidate (Sharath Bachchegowda) looks poised for a win. The JD(S) is not leading in any of the seats, according to the Election Commission.

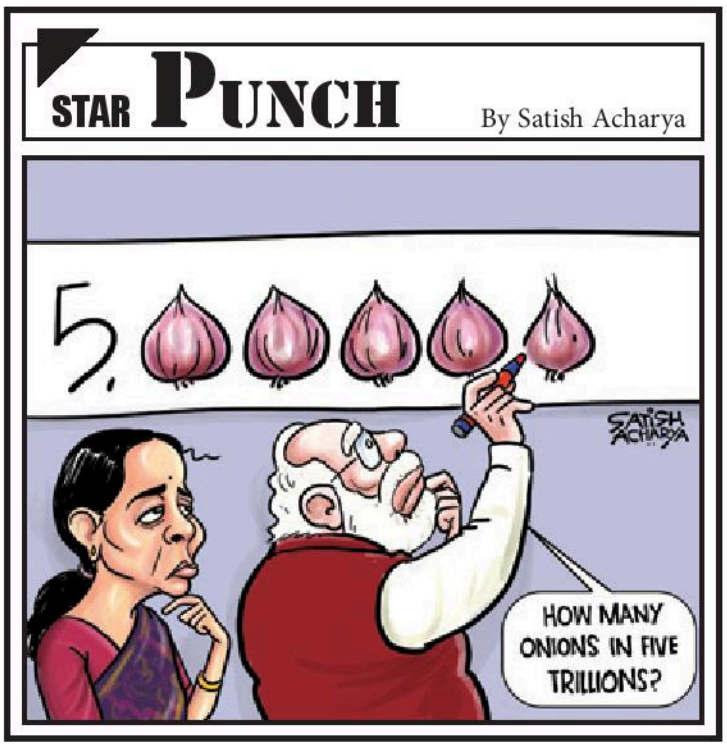
All winners will be Ministers

An elated Chief Minister Yediyurappa hailed the by-poll results and said the disqualified legislators who win will be made Ministers in his Cabinet. "We have won 12 out of the 15 seats," Yediyurappa announced. "They (disqualified MLAs) sacrificed for us. We've promised to make them Ministers. There's no question of going back on this promise," Yediyurappa said. He said he will visit New Delhi in the coming days to hold talks with the party's central leadership. Yediyurappa was seen celebrating with his son B.Y. Vijayendra as the BJP galloped ahead within an hour of counting, establishing a lead in about a dozen seats.

PM Modi on popular mandate

"The people of Karnataka have ensured that the Congress or the JD(S) will not be able to betray them. It's a message for all States that the public will punish those who go against the popular mandate," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at a rally in Jharkhand today.

Twelve of the 15 seats were previously held by Congress and the remaining three by the JD(S). The election saw former allies Congress and JD(S) contest separately. Relations between the two, never smooth, broke down after their coalition crashed.



BJP opens account in K.R. Pet

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The by-poll was necessitated after Narayanagowda, who won on a JD(S) ticket in the 2018 Assembly polls, quit along with 16 other Congress and JD(S) MLAs in July, 2019, after accusing the then JD(S)-Congress coalition Government of neglecting them.

Narayanagowda along with the 16 other disqualified legislators later joined the BJP and contested the by-polls on a BJP ticket.

Now, with Narayanagowda's victory, the BJP has opened its account in Mandya, much to the celebration of the party workers who had toiled hard to ensure the victory of BJP in K.R. Pet segment, in which Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's hometown Bookanakere comes.

As the counting began, it was a see-saw battle between Narayanagowda and his nearest rival B.L. Devaraj of the JD(S) and ultimately, Narayanagowda had the last laugh when he was officially declared the winner by a margin of 9,731 votes after 19 rounds of counting.

Narayanagowda secured 66,094 votes while B.L. Devaraj of the JD(S) 56,363 votes and K.B. Chandrasekhar of the Congress 41,663 votes. All the four other candidates fared poorly and lost their deposit. There were 748 NOTA votes.

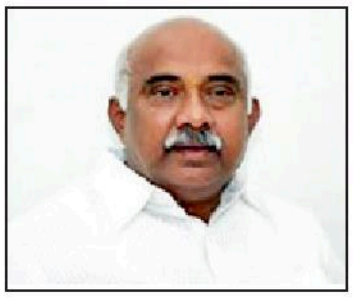
H.P. Manjunath of Congress wins big in 'tobacco district' Hunsur

Defeats A.H. Vishwanath of the BJP by a margin of nearly 40,000 votes

Hunsur, Dec.9 (Raghu, RK& DM)- Even as the Congress fared poorly winning just two Assembly seats out of the fifteen which went to the by-polls on Dec.5, Congress candidate from Hunsur H.P. Manjunath recorded a huge win, defeating his nearest rival Adagooru H. Vishwanath of the BJP by a margin of nearly 40,000 votes.

The counting of votes was taken up amidst tight security at D. Devaraj Urs Government First Grade College here at 8 am and the results were formally announced at about 11.45 am.

The Hunsur Assembly segment saw 1,83,728 voters turning up at the polling booths for the by-polls. Also, there were



A.H. Vishwanath

77 postal ballots, taking the total number of votes polled to 1,83,805. Congress candidate Manjunath bagged more than half of the votes polled by securing 92,725 votes while his nearest rival Vishwanath of the BJP came a distant second bagging 52,998 votes and JD(S) candidate Devaralli Somasekhar was third with 32,895 votes.

There were ten candidates in the fray, and barring the victorious Congress candidate and the losing BJP and JD(S) candidates, all seven others lost their deposit. There were 994 NOTA (None of the above) votes.

Manjunath, who had represented the Constituency twice earlier, maintained a steady lead right from round one of the counting and his lead only increased with every round of counting. BJP candidate Vishwanath and JD(S) candidate Devaralli Somasekhar trailed far behind Manjunath in all the 20 rounds of counting.

Soon after the poll authorities declared his victory, Manjunath offered floral tributes to the bust of D. Devaraj Urs in the town.

Tight security during counting at Hunsur

Hunsur, Dec.9 (Raghu, RK&DM)- Tight Police security was provided around D. Devaraj Urs Government First Grade College here where counting of votes was taken up this morning.

Counting began at 8 am at 14 tables in the counting centre with four poll personnel attached to every table. The authorities had provided an exclusive seating arrangement for poll agents of all candidates.

Carrying of mobile phones to the counting centre was prohibited and all the poll personnel were required to carry their identity cards and deposit their cell phones at the designated spot. Media persons covering the counting were provided a separate seating facility.

The taluk administration had procured two mobile toilets from Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) which were stationed near the centre.

The taluk administration had enforced prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC as a security measure.

Also the district administration has declared a dry day in the limits of the Constituency and in 5 km radius outside the Constituency till midnight today.

BAI to host MyBuild-19 exhibition from Dec. 11

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (KS) - The six-day ***MyBuild-2019,*** an exhibition of construction materials, interiors and lifestyles, organised by Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, will be held at Maharaja's College Grounds in city from Dec. 11 to 16.

The expo will be inaugurated by Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath at 5 pm on Dec. 11. Managing Trustee of Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT) S.R. Swamy will be the guest of honour. BAI Mysore Centre Chairman B.S. Dinesh, *MyBuild-2019* Chairman S. Vasudevan, *MyBuild-2019* Hon. Secretary K. Satish Mohan and others will be present.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, Vasudevan said that this time the expo will have special features and added that many national and international companies will be displaying their innovative products. With around 150 stalls, *MyBuild-2019* will become the biggest construction materials exhibition held so far in Mysuru.

Building materials, Pavements, Generators, Plumbing Systems, Bathroom Fittings, Kitchen Cabinets, Interiors, Floor Tiles, Roofing Materials, Prefab Buildings, Construction Chemicals, Building Automations, Solar Systems, Paints & Hardware, Building Electricals, Banks, Construction Equipment, Builders & Developers, Aluminium Windows, PVC and Moulded Doors, Building Safety Measures, Elevators, Lights & Lighting Products, automobile vehicles & construction equipments will be showcased at the expo.

Continuing, he said that the entire event is managed by BAI members and the proceedings will be spent on training programmes and welfare of construction workers through Mysore Builders Charitable Trust.

Voice of *MyBuild*

Stating that a lot of entertainment programmes have been arranged in the evenings, Vasudevan said that a unique platform for the students to showcase their talents in singing Kannada songs has been created through a competition titled 'Voice of MyBuild.' The semi-finals of the competition will be held on Dec. 13 and the finals on Dec. 15 at Maharaja's College Grounds.

Spoorthi, the ladies wing of BAI, Mysore, will be managing four charity stalls that will be selling products made by women of below poverty line, persons with developmental disabilities, orphans and such others. The expo will conclude on Dec. 16 with the valedictory function to be held at 5 pm.

MyBuild-2019 Chairman S. Vasudevan addressing the media persons in city this morning as (from left) MyBuild Secretary K. Satish Mohan, Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre Chairman B.S. Dinesh and BAI Mysore Centre Secretary R. Raghunath look on.

Two-day BuildTech seminar to focus on 'Shelter For All'

The two-day ***BuildTech-2019*** annual technical seminar will be held with the theme 'Shelter For All' on Dec. 13 and 14 in city as part of *MyBuild-2019* by BAI Mysore.

The seminar will be inaugurated on Dec. 13 at 10 am at MBCT Auditorium, No.34/D, Akkamahadevi Road, 2nd Stage, Industrial Suburb, Vishweshwaranagar, Mysuru.

Housing and District Minister V. Somanna will be the chief guest. BAI National Vice-President K. Sriram will be the guest of honour. Managing Director of Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar will deliver the keynote address.

More than 400 delegates from across the country comprising Builders, Developers, Architects, Consultants, Government representatives and Engineering students are expected to participate.

MyBuild-2019 Chairman S. Vasudevan said, "We have organised this seminar to address the huge shortage of housing in our country and to bring together all the experts and policy-makers onto a single platform so that we can jointly come out with strategies and solutions to this pressing problem."

Eminent policy-makers, engineers and architects, financial experts and power house thinkers will speak at the seminar.

S. Swastik Harish of Indian Institute of Human Settlement, Bengaluru, will speak on Government policies and initiatives for the PMAY Housing Programme; Founder and Managing Trustee of Saath, Ahmedabad, Rajendra Joshi will speak on Successful model for housing for low income; Project Director of Mangalore Nirmithi Kendra Rajendra Kalbhavi will speak on Reusage of construction and demolition waste; Architects Dharmesh, Dr. Raghunath, Kranti Reddy and Sunil Kalees on Interesting methodologies for lowering the cost of construction; Serial investor Bobby Reddy, Founder and CEO of Megalith Mallanna Sasalu and John Kuruvilla from Brigade REAP will speak on Entrepreneurship and Startup ecosystem while Chairman of Shriram Group Murali, CEO of Jana Bank Ajay Kanwal and Deepak of ICICI Bank will speak on Housing Finance, Private equity and Venture capital.

Registration

The registration for the seminar would commence from 9 am on Dec. 13 at the venue and for pre-registration contact Venkatesh Prasad on Mob: 98453-29553 or email: *buildtechmysore@gmail.com* or *mail@baimysore.org* for further details.

Hanuma Jayanti in city

Mysuru, Dec.9 (RKB&US)- Hanuma Jayanti was celebrated at all Anjaneyaswamy temples in city this morning. Homa, havana, abhisheka and special pujas were held at Anjaneyaswamy temples in Gokulam, Kuvempunagar, Hebbal, Basaveshwaranagar, on Ramanuja road, Tyagaraja road, Narayana Shastri road, Irwin road, at Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple near Palace, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram and other places.

A colourful procession 'Shobha Yatre' was taken out in city under the aegis of Maruthi Temple Trust in Gangothri Layout. The procession carrying an idol of Anjaneyaswamy on a decorated vehicle commenced from Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple with MLA S.A. Ramdas offering puja to Nandi Dwaja. Many folk troupes were in attendance presenting attractive dances to the rhythmic beats of drums. The procession passed through Clock Tower, Ashoka Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Devaraj Urs Road and Ramaswamy Circle before culminating at Maruthi temple in Gangothri Layout.

City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna, former Corporator Nandish Preetham, Nagalakshmi Shankaralingegowda and others were present.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (KS)-An unidentified man, who was found lying on the footpath in front of Govindappa Complex on the 3rd Main Road in V.V. Puram Police limits on Nov. 26 and admitted to K.R. Hospital by Garuda Police personnel, has breathed his last at the hospital on Dec. 5 at about 10 am.

The deceased is aged about 55 years, 5.4 ft. tall, oval faced, oily red complexioned, lean built and bald. V.V. Puram Police, who have registered a case, have asked the kith and kin of the deceased, if any, to contact V.V. Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314/514 or Mob: 94808-02238, according to a press release from the Station House Officer, V.V. Puram Police Station, Mysuru.

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Creative space design

From the ancient times, fundamentals of Vastu based on measurements, décor and comfort were adapted in putting together a place of worship, homes, and even temple courtyard to have a gathering of people.

Vastu, which could also be referred as the 'Science of Sacred geometry' evolved from the ancient book of knowledge known as the 'Vedas.' A branch of the 'Veda' pertains to structures called 'Sthapatya Veda,' the knowledge of structures.

The science deals with Energy, Matter, Time, Speed, Space and Spatial form.

A structure has Energy, it vibrates and pulsates, and it has the effect of Time, Space and Speed of the energy in and around the structure.

The Science of Vastu also encompasses the creative form of arts like poetry, music, dance, sculpture and architecture. Hence, adapting Vastu design in a structure is not just about measurements but visual aesthetics and creativity too. Vastu connects together all the creative forms of arts to the fundamentals of pulse or vibration which in turn activates primal light and sound energies. These energies have geometrical forms, numbers, wave lengths and rhythms.

Feng Shui, the oriental art and science of space alignment also takes into account the creative aspects of poetry, music, painting, rhythm and geometry when designing a vibrant structure, be it a home or work place. Based on influencing the flow of Chi or energy through your building and other aspects of your environment, Feng Shui principles align energy patterns with healing forces of nature. The result is a harmonious space that lays the foundation for emotional, spiritual, and physical health.

In the practice of Feng Shui, your first impressions as you enter a home, work place or even a room is very important. By crossing a threshold, you enter a new environment or another world. You experience particular qualities, moods, and presences, both visible and invisible, those conditions, motivate and influence our lives.

A dance space which has many different people in active involvement of art generates a lot of 'Yang' energy as they exude substantial physical energy. Such a place be it a Dance Studio or Amphitheatre requires the right environment to bring in the inspiring 'Chi' and energy which is a little more 'Yin' to calm and balance the energy of those who are inside.

To attract the best Vastu and Feng Shui energy to support creative activities, you could adapt some simple basic tips:

• Place in a metal urn filled with water some fresh flowers towards the North or East of your Studio.

• Have bright vibrant wall colours specific to the compass direction & orientation of building.

• Create a personal space for your creative pursuits and if you wish to spend time on meditation or have altar, use the NW corner of the room and try to face East or North while meditating or praying.

• Hang pictures and memories of successful projects which have won accolades.

• Energise your North sector with a display of dance photos, dance books, or anything that relates to your dancing career.

• Display the award or trophies you have won in the South corner of your Studio and house as well.

By adapting Vastu and Feng Shui, you will strengthen the flow of creative energy and create a space to support, as well as promote, your brilliant creativity and career.

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Vid. Sharath Koushik

Vid. A. Radhesh

Mysuru, Dec.9- Ganabharathi is organising Vidushi Veene Chokkamma Memorial Veena Concert at its premises in Kuvempunagar on Dec.11 at 6 pm.

Vidwan Prof. R. Visweswaran will give a Veena recital accompanied by **Vidwan Mysore A. Radhesh** on mridanga and **Vidwan Sharath Koushik** on ghata.

PROFILES

Prof. R. Visweswaran is an eminent Veena player, composer and teacher. He belongs to an illustrious family of musicians and scholars, and was groomed in his art by his brother R. Seetharam. Visweswaran's achievements and contribution to music lie across the fields of pedagogy, scholarship, compositions and practical music.

Holding a Master's degree in Indology, he headed the Department of Instrumental Music at the University College of Fine Arts in Mysuru for the greater part of his career. This was the locus of his work as a teacher and the arena for the development of his musical pedagogy.

Veene Chokkamma

He has written and published extensively on the subject. As a practical musician, he has performed in India and other countries, some important engagements being those at the National Veena Festival in Bhopal, the International Music Conference in London, the Edinburgh Music Festival, the Aberdeen Music Festival, and the Queen's Festival at Belfast.

His new raga compositions include Enakshi, Smriti, Antarakaisiki, and Rajarajeshwari. Among his students are Suma Sudhindra, N.R. Prashanth and Nagamani Srinath. Among his publications are *Vaaggeya Visweswari, Facts of Music* and *Sangeethashastra Rasaayana*.

For his wide ranging work in music, Visweswaran has been honoured by several organisations. These honours include the title of *Sangeetha Choodamani* conferred by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai and K.K.M.M. Chowdiah National Award by the Academy of Music, Bengaluru.

He received Sangeeth Natak Akademi Tagore Award for his contribution to Karnatak instrumental music (Veena).

Mysore A. Radhesh, a leading mridanga player, learnt under Vidwan P.G. Laxminarayan and now he is taking his advanced training from Vidwan Mannargudi Eswaran. He has made a name for himself in the field of music for his subtle playing.

Vidwan Sharath Koushik is a disciple of Tumkur B. Ravishankar. A young percussionist, Sharath has earned a place in the field of percussion playing.

A concept-based cultural event on Dec.12

Mysuru, Dec.9 - The team of five "Celebrating Life" — comprising two vocal artistes, two dancers and a rasika as the event ideator — will be presenting an evening of Indian classical compositions, specially curated and concept based at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar on Dec.12 from 6 pm to 8.30 pm.

The event explores the intrinsic commonalities between two major genres of Indian classical music, namely Hindustani classical and Karnatak classical, individual beauties of the two classes and their influence on each other. This programme, by and large experiential, is essentially meant to address a comparative study revisiting both the systems and also rendering short compositions illustrating and exemplifying beauties of each.

Vid. Manasa Nayana, Karnatak classical vocalist from Mysuru and **Shubhada Mudhol,** Hindustani classical vocalist from Bengaluru, accompanied by **Vidu. Swati Biswas,** Bharatanatyam artiste from Bengaluru and **Vidu. Meghna Rao,** Kathak artiste from Pune, will attempt to address the concept with their renditions.

Sharmila Ghosh will introduce the concept and share the highlights of the programme.

Mysore Tennis Club celebrates Golden Jubilee

Mysuru, Dec.9- The Mysore Tennis Club (MTC) in Chamarajapuram here, one of the primary Tennis Clubs in the country promoting the game of tennis, established in 1969, celebrated its Golden Jubilee at its premises here last evening.

The MTC has been producing talented tennis players who have gone on to represent the country in different levels from time to time.

Founded by tennis lovers M.H. Raja Rao, P. Pattabhiramaih, B.A. Belliappa, D. Vasantha Madhav, late N.C. Ponnuswamy, Sreenivasan and K.S. Chari in 1969, the Club grew from a humble beginning from having two clay courts, to the present six synthetic courts, one clay and two cement courts.

Top players like N.P. Raghuveer, Rohan Bopanna, Prahlad Srinath, R. Nagaraj, Neeth Devaiah, S.D. Prajwal Dev, Suraj R. Prabodh, Abhay Prakash, S. Prateek, D.R. Jayadeva, Poojashree Venkatesh, Dhruthi T. Venugopal, C. Vasisht, G. Bharat Raj, Swetha Devaaraj and Likitha Devraj are products of this Club who have gone on to represent the country in different levels.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations got off to a colourful start with K.T. Balakrishna, City Police Commissioner, Mysuru, inaugurating the celebrations by traditionally lighting the lamp.

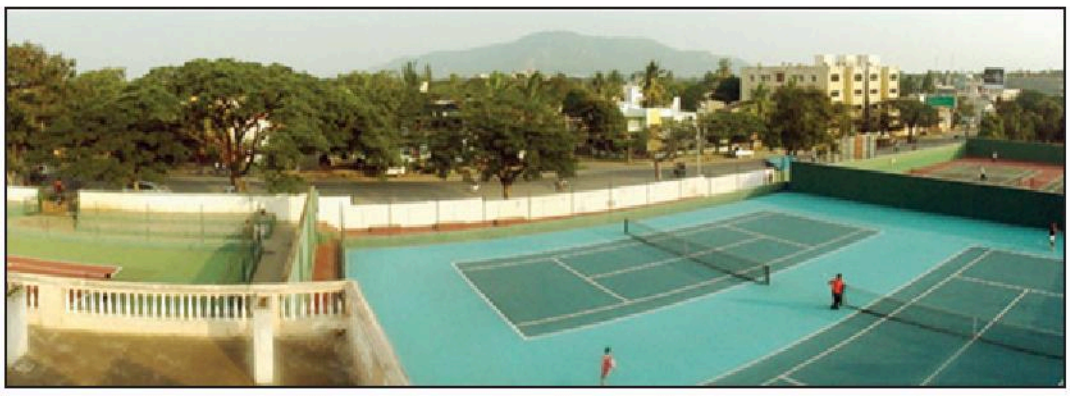
On this occasion, the MTC authorities honoured the Founder-Members, P. Pattabhiramiah, Dr. N.M. Srinivas, Vasanth Madav, Sampath H.L.N. Urs, C.S. Rajan, and other office-bearers who had served the Club in different capacities. The Club authorities also honoured Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna on this occasion.

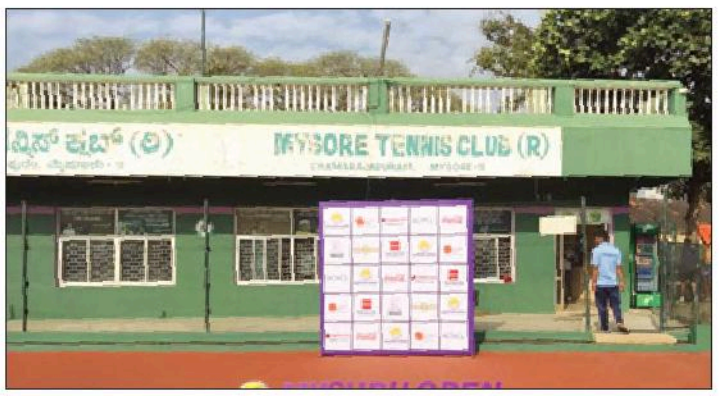
The upcoming players from the Club S.D. Prajwal Dev, Aryan Pathange, Arnav Pathange, G. Manish, R. Nagaraj and former players M.J. Charan, Sujay, Raghav Prasad, G. Bharat Raj and other players were also feted.

Winners of the competitions held at the Club in different age categories were also given prizes during the programme.

Mysuru City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna is seen lighting the lamp to mark the inauguration of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Mysore Tennis Club (MTC), Mysuru, at the MTC premises in city last evening. Also seen are (from left) Club Secretary Manoj Kumar, Treasurer R.S. Nitish, President A.R. Alagappan, Vice-President Moizvagh and Secretary V.S. Somashekar.

MTC honoured the Founder-Members, former Presidents and Secretaries during the Golden Jubilee celebrations held at MTC. Seen are (sitting from left) H.L.N. Urs (former Secretary), M.B. Vasudev (former President), Dr. N.M. Srinivas (former President), Sampath (Founder-Member), Dr. Krishnamurthy (Veteran tennis player) and Pattabhiramiah (Founder member).





A panoramic view of the synthetic courts from the Club House roof. Court-1 is seen to the extreme left. A tiny part of Court-5 to the extreme right. In the background is the famous Chamundi Hill. Picture right shows the Club House.

Lendl Simmons' unbeaten fifty helps West Indies level series with eight-wicket win over India

Thiruvananthapuram, Dec.9- Lendl Simons' unbeaten fifty (67 off 45) and Evin Lewis' crucial knock (40 off 35 balls) helped the West Indies beat India in the second Twenty20 international (T20I) by eight wickets to level the three-match series 1-1 in Thiruvananthapuram yesterday.

Nicholas Pooran (38 off 18) and Shimron Hetmyer (23 off 14) also contributed significantly to their side's win. Indian bowlers failed to execute their plans but fielders' poor day in the field didn't help their cause either.

Simmons and Lewis both were dropped in Bhuvneshwar Kumar's single over and from there on it was always one-way traffic as they put on a huge first-wicket stand.

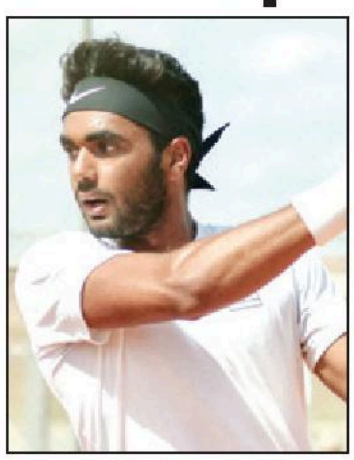
Earlier, Shivam Dube's maiden T20I half-century helped India score 170/7 against the West Indies after they were put to bat. Opener K.L. Rahul couldn't repeat his last match's performance and got out cheaply.

To everybody's surprise, the Indian team management decided to promote left-handed Dube and he made most of the opportunity, scoring 54 off 30 balls with the help of three fours and four sixes. Apart from him, other Indian batsmen struggles to score runs. Wicket-keeper Rishabh Pant, however, played sensibly and remained unbeaten on 33 runs off 22 balls, helping Indian post a fighting total.

ITF Men's Tennis Tourney at Thailand

Prajwal Dev-Adil duo finishes runner-up

S.D. Prajwal Dev



Adil Kalyanpur

Thailand, Dec.9- Mysuru lad S.D. Prajwal Dev, teaming up with fellow Indian Adil Kalyanpur and taking part in the $15,000 ITF Men's Tennis Tournament in Nonthaburi, Thailand, on Saturday went down in the Men's Doubles final to the Korean pair of Hong Chung and Jean Moon Lee. The Korean pair beat Prajwal and Adil 6-3, 5-7 (10-6) to clinch the title.

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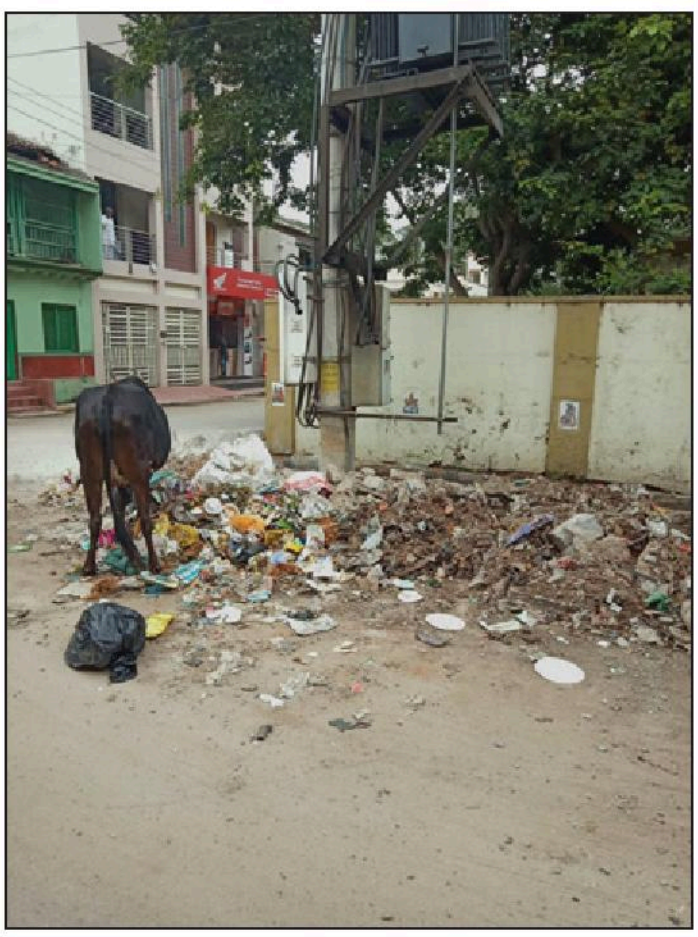
Dried up tree posing danger in front of new DC Office

A dried up tree opposite to the new DC Office is posing danger to motorists as it may fall any moment. Authorities concerned are urged to get the dried tree removed before it causes any fatalities.

Clear this heap of garbage next to Shanthala Theatre



Garbage heap dumped next to Shanthala Theatre is causing a lot of problems to those living in the surroundings as foul smell is emanating from it besides the garbage attracting disease-causing flies. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Deplorable roads in Vijayanagar 1st Stage

Mysuru, Dec.9 (SBD&US)- There seems to be no end to the list of deplorable roads in city.

Vijayanagar 1st Stage is acclaimed as a prestigious layout in city but Kannada Sahitya Parishat Bhavan Road is an eyesore with plenty of potholes and craters indicating that the road has been asphalted several years ago. Thousands of people use this road as it touches Kuvempu Trust School, Vidyavardhaka College, a Kalyana Mantap, a girls hostel and MUDA Ground.

The dry weather and bad road pops up a lot of dust as vehicles pass by polluting the area always.

The First Main Road is nothing better with shrubs having grown by the roadside, plenty of potholes and construction debris dumped by the roadside.

The 80ft Road has plenty of craters filled with sewage water overflowing from a manhole. Pedestrians and two-wheeler riders get a splash of stinking water as four-wheelers pass by.

Residents say that the area has become unsafe for people with bad roads and defunct street-lights. They strongly oppose filling mud in potholes as is being done by MCC which only worsens the situation. They squarely blame the elected representatives for gross negligence.

Pathetic condition of the road next to Cheluvamba Park in Vontikoppal

Mysuru, Dec.9 (KS)- While driver errors such as speeding, distracted driving and drunk driving are among the leading causes of road accidents, dangerous road conditions like poor physical condition and lack of regular maintenance too contribute to accidents.

Various Government agencies are responsible for maintaining roads and ensuring they are safe for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Maintaining roads includes providing proper signage, lighting, pavement markings, signals and traffic control devices.

If an accident occurs because of a hazardous road condition, the Government agency responsible for maintaining the road may be liable.

One such road in city which is riddled with crater-like potholes and jelly stones popping out of these potholes and being strewn all over the road, is the road next to Cheluvamba Park in Vontikoppal where hundreds of motorists ply on it daily.

Motorists, especially two-wheeler riders, are the worst suffers on this road and should take extreme caution while riding on this road as even a second of them getting distracted will land them on the floor resulting in injuries sometimes seriously.

Senior citizens, women and children frequent on this so called road to go for their regular walks to Cheluvamba Park. The road also houses CFTRI School, Chamundeshwari and Anajaneyaswamy Temples and Rama Mandira. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Guest House is also on the same road.

Students of the nearby Maharani's College on Valmiki Road have to take the same road to reach their college and also to catch bus on KRS Road. The road is also used by numerous school buses and several autorickshaws to ferry children to schools.

If one looks at this road, they will come to know that this road has not been asphalted since many years and not even patch up works have been undertaken.

The residents and the public have urged the authorities concerned to take up repair works of this road and make the road motorable at the earliest.

World is looking at Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts on equality: UoM VC

Mysuru, Dec.9 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that the entire world is going through Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's thoughts on practising equality and social justice, University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that several unique provisions of the Indian Constitution cannot be found in the Constitution of any other country.

He was speaking after inaugurating an expo, special lecture and interaction programme organised by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre as part of Dr. Ambedkar Parinirvan Diwas, at it's premises in Manasagangothri here on Dec.6.

Pointing out that Dr. Ambedkar is an outstanding figure among the comity of leaders, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that Dr. Ambedkar dedicated his entire life for the education and upliftment of the downtrodden and oppressed sections of the society.

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar

Noting that Dr. Ambedkar always fought for imparting education to everyone, he said that the Father of the Indian Constitution played a crucial role in the fight for social justice.

Observing that Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts are an asset of the nation, he stressed on the need for everyone among us to be part of the great leader's legacy.

Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, in his address, said that Dr. Ambedkar's principles and ideals can be a solution for all the social problems plaguing the country.

Pointing out that Dr. Ambedkar was the most vociferous voice for the downtrodden, he asserted that Dr. Ambedkar was a guiding light for the oppressed communities to get themselves freed from the shackles.

An expo with the theme 'Vidyarthigala Manake Ambedkar,' that displayed rare photographs on the life and times of Dr. Ambedkar, was also organised by Gothami Foundation.

Centre Director Prof. J. Somashekar and faculty Prof. Basavaraj Devanur were present.

Seminar on 'Constitution, Democracy & India' held

Mysuru, Dec.9 (SBD&US)- Mysuru Ratna Samskrutika Pratishtana had organised a seminar on 'Constitution, Democracy and India' as part of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mahaparinirvana Diwas at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, on JLB Road here on Dec.6.

Inaugurating the event, MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad regretted that Ambedkar is being portrayed as a clerk who had worked on the evolution of the Indian Constitution. He asserted that Ambedkar no where had told that he (Ambedkar) wrote the Constitution.

He recalled that after India got independence, 299 people were part of the Constituent Assembly of India and finally seven members were selected to the Drafting Committee of the Indian Constitution with Ambedkar as the Chairman.

After successful execution of the job assigned, the then President of India Dr. Rajendraprasad hailed Ambedkar as the Father of the Constitution who is being wrongly portrayed now, he bemoaned.

Continuing, Sreenivasa Prasad recalled that thousands of people laid down their lives for Indian independence but Gandhiji is referred to as the Father of the Nation.

Choosing Ambedkar as the Chairman of the Constitution Draft Formation Committee itself speaks on the excellence of Ambedkar. He opined that the Constitution was formed to unite people of various religions, languages and cultures but it is to be introspected now how effectively the principles of the Constitution have been implemented.

Books 'Annada Kathegalu' by Purigali Maradesha Murthy and 'Prema Khadga' by M. Kumar were released on the occasion.

'Kayaka Gowrava' Award was conferred on Adivasi Activist Parvathi Machhur.

Sri Banthe Kalyanasiri of Vishwa Maithri Buddha Vihar, religious leader Hazrath Moulana Mohammed Zikaullah, State Sugarcane Growers' Association President Kurubur Shanthakumar, Bhagawan Buddha Educational Institution President Dr. Yamadur Siddaraju, Dr. Ambedkar Research Centre Director Dr. J. Somashekar, Hunsur DEED (Development through Education) Director Dr. S. Srikanth and others were present.

Venkatagiri Prakashana Awards presentation

Mysuru, Dec.9 (DM)- Venkatagiri Prakashana, Kuvempunagar, has announced 'Merugiri' awards to distinguished personalities. The awardees are:

Prof. K.M. Mahadevaiah, Principal, Maharaja Sanskrit College (Vedagama Shastra), Dr. K. Puttahonnaiah, Founder, Indian Astrological Sciences Research Centre (Jyothishya Shastra), Dr. R.D. Kumar, noted advocate (Legal Service), H.K. Somashekar, President, Sridevi Academic and Cultural Trust (Social Service), Pragathi Gopalakrishna, Press Photographer (Photography), Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee, social worker (Cultural Promotion), Prof. S. Dwaraki, former English faculty, Prof. K. Leela Prakash, Retired Sanskrit Professor, Prof. Padma Chikkerur, former Principal and Prof. C.S. Mangalamma, former Professor of Education (Education).

The awards will be conferred at a programme to be held at Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage at 10.50 am tomorrow (Dec.10).

Former Kuvempu University VC Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda will inaugurate the event in the presence of the Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji.

Poets' Meet

The event will also feature a Vijayadashami Poets' Meet, during which Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust President Prof. S. Ramprasad will honour poets.

Former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Prof. N. Girigowda will preside.

Leaders pay tribute on Mahaparinirvana Diwas

Mysuru, Dec.9 (RK&SD)- Glowing tributes were paid to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in city on Dec.6 on the occasion of his 63rd death anniversary, observed as 'Mahaparinirvana Diwas.'

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna, DCP M. Mutturaj and a number of other Congress leaders including former MLA M.K. Somashekar garlanded the marble statue of the leader at the Town Hall premises.

Many Congress leaders, including former Mayors Modamani, T.B. Chikkanna, Pushpalatha Chikkanna, Mysuru City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar, former MP R. Dhruvanarayan, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and Susheela Keshavamurthy, garlanded the portrait of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station.

Dr. Vanalli back at UoM

Niranjan Vanalli

Mysuru, Dec.9- After a 15-month stint at Kazakhstan, Dr. Niranjan Vanalli, a faculty of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Mysore (UoM), has returned to the Varsity.

The Union Government had deputed Dr. Vanalli as the Director of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre at Kazakhstan. Now, after completion of the term, he is back at his parent University.

Dr. Vanalli said that his stint at Kazakhstan gave him a lot of professional experience.

Representing the country as a cultural ambassador and heading the Vivekananda Cultural Centre makes him proud, he added.

It may be mentioned here that Dr. Vanalli had earlier worked as EMMRC Director at Manasagangothri and as Registrar of KSGH Music and Performing Arts University in Mysuru.

WORD OF THE DAY

Corybantic

Pronunciation: Kawr-uh-ban-tik, [kor-]

Meaning: Frenzied; agitated; unrestrained.
Origin: The English adjective corybantic comes from the Greek adjective Korybantikós, a derivative of the noun Korýbās (inflectional stem Korýbant-) "a corybant, a priest of the goddess Cybele in Phrygia (now in west central Turkey)," and in Greek also meaning "drunken person, enthusiast." Further etymology is risky: apart from Korýbās and its derivatives being non-Greek, not much can be said. Phrygian is an obvious choice, but the Phrygians themselves borrowed a great deal from other peoples of ancient Anatolia (Asian Turkey). Corybantic entered English in the 17th century.
Example: There was obviously no enthroned authority here, no bejeweled king to pacify when emotions ran wild, but complete freedom to embrace joy with corybantic abandonment.— Frank Belknap Long.

THE ODD WORD

Cacoepy

Poor or wrong pronunciation.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Cash on the nail

Meaning: Payment made immediately.

Origin: 'Cash on the nail' (or 'pay on the nail') are extensions of the earlier phrase - 'on the nail', meaning immediate payment; without delay. This expression is first recorded in English in Thomas Nashe's Haue with you to Saffron-Walden, 1596: "Tell me, haue you a minde to anie thing in the Doctors Booke! speake the word, and I will help you to it vpon the naile." Philip Massinger's comic play The City-Madame, 1632, in which a character welcomes the arrival of a ship that has given his master considerable profit, makes the association with timeliness clear: And it comes timely; For, besides a payment on the nail for a manor late purchased by my master, his young daughters are ripe for marriage. The first example that one can find of the longer 'cash on the nail' version is in an anonymous open letter to the Mayor of Exeter, printed on a sixpenny broadsheet in 1753:
The Commanders and Officers of those vessels knew very well that Wool and Worsted were Commodities of a real and intrinsic Value: Articles that would sell at any Time or Place for ready Cash on the Nail. These are to be seen outside the Corn Exchange in Bristol and the Stock Exchanges in Limerick and Liverpool. This derivation is printed in virtually every etymological reference book. Whisper it not in Bristol, Limerick or Liverpool but this story has to be treated with some caution.

QUOTE BOX

Revenue is vanity, profit is sanity, but cash is king.**—Unknown**

RIDDLE THIS

I am both a killer and a saviour, it depends on those who wield me. I will bring you from deep water to the shallows, or maybe I could be the one who will hang you in the gallows. What am I?

Answer :A rope.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Mode Control Panel
4 Extra-terrestrials, abbr.
7 Quick or speedy
11 Belonging to us
12 Not Invented Here
13 Female friend from France?
14 Reputation arising from success, etc
17 Reserve; set aside
18 Indian prince who became Gautam Buddha
20 Sound like a bird?
22 Pressed or crushed with feet
23 __ on : fielding position
24 Communication via Internet
27 A member of the clergy
31 Sofa one can sleep on; couch
33 9/11 mastermind
34 Opp. of WNW
35 Faucets or cocks
37 One's strong point
39 Long thin strands of pasta, often used in soups
42 JRD of course?
43 A decade, if you wish (3,5)
46 Common interest group of countries
47 John Lennon's Yoko ___
48 Nothing at all
49 "Need" anagram for a sand hill?
50 _____ Hoad : tennis great of days gone by?
51 He may be in disguise and use a false name

DOWN
1 Floor cleaning tool
2 Mongrel
3 Is in charge of a meeting, perhaps
4 Authoress __ Blyton
5 In an inebriated or drunken state?
6 Clipped or cut - sheep's woolly hair, for example
7 No eating allowed - days of Ramadan for one? (4-3)
8 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
9 Ex-India leg spinner L ___ Ramakrishnan
10 Golf item
15 A title used before the name of knight or baronet
16 Telegu Desam Party, acronym
19 Their capital for the Italians?
20 Central Maintenance Comp.
21 Hawaiian city
25 Spanish or Portuegese people
26 In case
28 Ruthless competitive struggle (3-4)
29 Leader of mosque devotions
30 The temple of Jupiter at Rome
32 Scottish river
36 Part of a play
37 Take to wings
38 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
39 Land between the hills
40 English schools ___ and Harrow
41 Enough in old English?
42 To Be Determined
44 __ van Winkle : he slept for forty years?
45 Stallone, familiarly

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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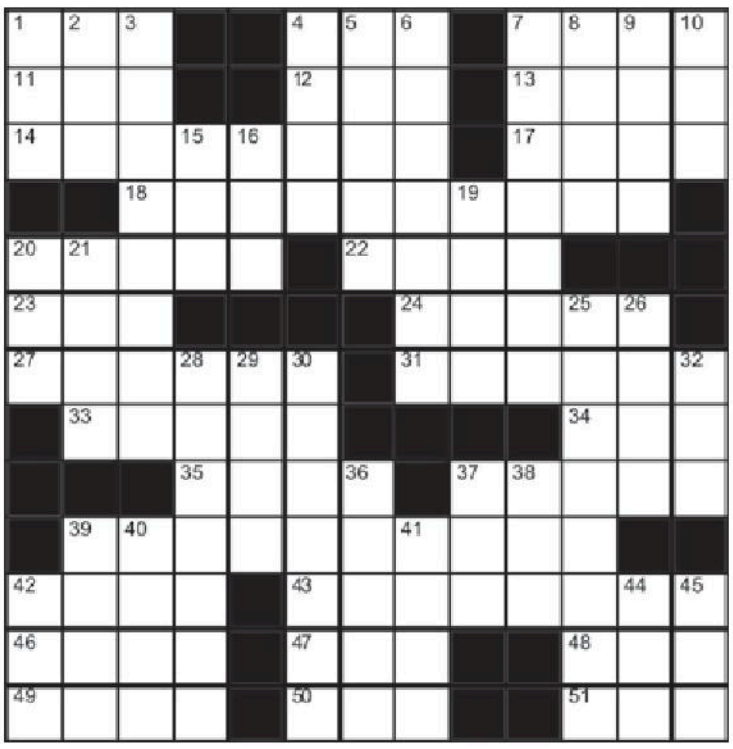

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NRSJ BFN BPVRAE JNY VARNDZ: BPVRAE BPMB

MDZR'B VQTNDBMRB MRI BPVRAE JNY FVEP FZDZR'B

VQTNDBMRB, MRI FVEPVRA RZXZD FNDUE.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS A

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Someone who knows only music, understands nothing about it.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Kalidasa Kannada Meshtru	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Katha Sangama	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Damayanthi	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
Mane Maratakkide	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Alidu Ulidavaru	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
i1	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Bramhachari	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Ayushmanbhava	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Bharaate	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
19 Age is Nonsense	Padma	2521923	M. Show
HINDI			
Panipat	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Iruttu	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
90 ML	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
	Padma	2521923	3 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
----	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

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Panipat (H)	(S-1)	9.40 am
	(S-2)	3.55 pm
	(S-4)	6.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Mundina Nildana (K)	(S-1)	1.00 pm
Jada (Ta)	(S-1)	3.10 pm
Frozen (E-3D)	(S-1)	5.45 pm, 7.50 pm
Knives Out (E)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 1.20 pm 7.15 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	4.00 pm
Hagalu Kanusu (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Kalidasa Kannada Meshtru (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Alidu Uludavaru (K)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Kathasangama (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Hotel Mumbai (H)	(S-4)	10.45 am
Iruttu (Ta)	(S-4)	1.15 pm

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Panipat (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 3.50 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	6.00 pm
Frozen II (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 7.25 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Iruttu (Ta)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Hagalu Kanusu (K)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Alidu Uludavaru (K)	(S-3)	3.25 pm
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Kathasangama (K)	(S-4)	10.20 am, 6.30 pm
i1 (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Babru (K)	(S-4)	4.05 pm
Irandam Ulagaporin Kadaisi Gundu (Ta)	(S-4)	9.45 pm

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Panipat (H)	9.55 am, 2.50 pm, 6.25 pm, 10 pm
i1 (K)	10.35 am
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Katha Sangama (K)	3.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Irandam Ulagaporin Kadaisi Gundu (Ta)	4.00 pm
Alidu Ulidavaru (K)	7.00 pm
Iruttu (Ta)	9.40 pm

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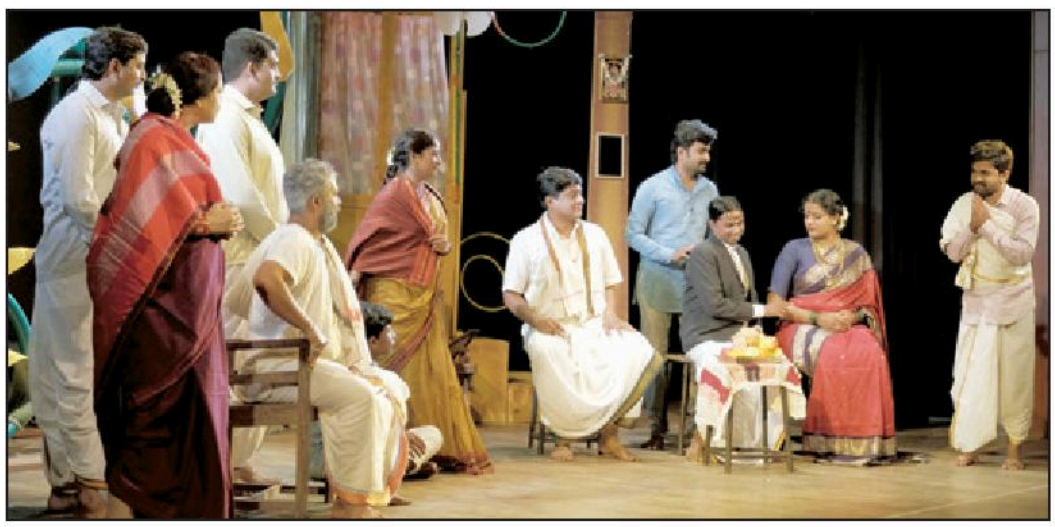
Theatre Fest concludes on a 'musical note'



The three-day Theatre Fest 'Rangavalli Rangasambhrama,' organised by Rangavalli, Mysuru, concluded last evening on a musical note with the organising troupe itself staging the play 'Parshwa Sangeetha' based on writings of Srinivasa Vaidya under the direction of Prashanth Hiremath, at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises and Aniruddh Aital presenting a Hindustani vocal concert at Kindarijogi premises along with Deepak Nagannavar on harmonium and Pt. Bhimashankar Bidanoor on tabla.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 9)

Sahara Art and Crafts: Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Tripura Bhairavi Mutt, Sri Anjaneyaswamy Temple: Sri Hanuma Jayanti special programme, Ashirvachana, **4 pm;** Sri Anjaneyaswamy Rathotsava, Temple premises, Vinoba Road, 1st Cross, Shivarampet, **6 pm.**

Sri Basaveshwara Centre for Social Change, Research and Extension, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), Manasagangothri: State-level Seminar on 'Six novels based on Basavanna' - Valedictory, UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa chief guest, Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna of JSS Mahavidyapeetha delivers keynote address, B.M. Sri auditorium, **4.30 pm.**

Basava Kendra: Sharana Sangama - 217, talk on 'Samadhana Sarvasadhana' by Veerabhadrappa Kurakundi, President, Basava Kendra, Sindhanur, Shivalingappa, retd. lecturer, Mithrakoota, Nanjangud, chief guest, Dasoha by Kayaka Dasoha Samiti, Vachana recital by Choodamani and Basava devotees, Basava Kendra, Sri Jagadguru Murugha Rajendra Mahalingeshwara Mutt, Basaveshwara Road, Khille Mohalla, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, Cultural Programme, Performance by Karnataka Police Band, **6 pm;** Saxophone Recital by Sagar and Ramyashree, Temple premises, **8 pm.**

Sri Vidya Ganapati Temple, Subramanyanagar, Hebbal 3rd Stage: Hanumath Vrata celebrations, Sri Anjaneyaswamy Rathotsava, Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Ladoo distribution, Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Geethapracharini Sabha Trust, Mysuru (Geetha Mandira): Sri Geetha Jayanti Mahotsava, Mass Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana, **6 pm;** Discourse by Swami Shivakantananda, 33rd Cross Road, Sri Geetha Mandira Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

JSS Kalamantapa, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru: JSS Rangotsava-2019, staging of play 'Chandramukhi,' Navajyoti auditorium, JSS College for Women, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 10)

Sri Geethapracharini Sabha Trust, Mysuru (Geetha Mandira): Sri Geetha Jayanti Mahotsava, Mass Bhagavad Gita Parayana, **7.30 am;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **8.30 am;** Mass Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana, **6 pm;** Discourse by Swami Shivakantananda, 33rd Cross Road, Sri Geetha Mandira Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru: Sri Guru Dattatreya Jayanthi, Guru Charithre Parayana, mangalarathi, **9 am to 12 noon;** Sri Vishnu Sahasranaama Samoohika parayana, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Pujya Swami Dattapadanandaji, Acharya of Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru, delivers discourse in Kannada on 'Avadhootha Geetha', Sri Gurudeva Datta Sannidhi, 6th Main, Gokulam 3rd Stage, Mysuru, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

The Mysore Division Tax Practitioners Association: Seminar on 'GST Law,' well-known Chartered Accountant and an expert in GST Law, A. Jatin Christopher, speaks on the subject, Rotary School premises, JLB Road, **10 am.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

MSME Development Institute (DI), Bengaluru, District Industries Centre (DIC), Mysuru, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Mysuru and Hebbal Industrial Estate Manufacturing Association (HIEMA), Mysuru and Mysore District Small Scale Industries Association: State-level Vendor Development Programme, DIC Joint Director D.K. Lingaraju inaugurates, MSME-DI Director G.R. Akadas presides, MCCI President A.S. Satish and HIEMA President H.N. Jayanth guests of honour, HIEMA Convention Centre, Hebbal Industrial Estate, **10.30 am.**

SVEI Public School: Vaishishtya - Annual Day celebrations, Prof. Babu Rajendra Prasad of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering chief guest, SVEI Treasurer T. Prabhakar Shetty presides, SVEI President Dr. M.K. Potharaj, Vice-President K.M. Rajashekar and Secretary B. Shivalingappa guests of honour, **10.30 am;** University of Mysore VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar chief guest, Kalamandira, **4.30 pm.**

JSS Kalamantapa, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru: JSS Rangotsava-2019, staging of play 'Manteswamy Kathaprasanga,' Navajyoti auditorium, JSS College for Women, **11.30 am and 6.30 pm.**

Sri Tripura Bhairavi Mutt, Sri Anjaneyaswamy Temple: Sri Hanuma Jayanti special programme, Annadhana, Temple premises, Vinoba Road, 1st Cross, Shivarampet, **12 noon.**

Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore (UoM) and Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi: Valedictory of South Zone Inter-Univesity Men's Cricket Tournament (2019-20), UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar distributes prizes, UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa presides, SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, Cultural Programme, Devaranama by Vidu. Dr. Deepika Pandurangi and troupe, **5 pm;** Mandolin recital by A.V. Dattatreya and disciples, Temple premises, **6.45 pm.**

Noopura Kalavidaru Samskruthika Trust, Mysuru: 22nd annual 'Nritya Aradhana' programme in memory of late K. Vanajakshamma, Mother-Daughter Duet Dance — Vidu. Sabina Lohia and her daughter Chavi Lohia of Bengaluru will present Bharatanatyam which will be followed by Bharatanatyam recital by Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre (Mysuru) Director Dr. Kripa Phadke and her daughter Pooja Sugam; Stage programme — Conferring of 'Noopura Sri' Award on Nandini Nrityalaya Trust (Mysuru) Director R. Kannan and Dr. Kripa Phadke, art patron Kala Seva Ratna K.V. Murthy presides, retired Public Prosecutor T. Mohan Rao chief guest, Jnanashakti Samskritika Sabha President K. Anandarao and Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthyrao will be present, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

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